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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Publication

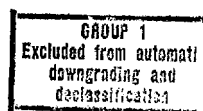
We are forwarding herewith a copy of the National Council of Churches unclassified publication Religion in Communist Dominated Areas, containing an article entitled "Storm of Wrath Against Czechoslovak Universities." This publication was provided by [REDACTED] who advised that during his recent interview, the staff of the House Committee on Internal Security had expressed interest in this article. We would appreciate your transmitting this publication to that staff.

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STORM OF WRATH AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAK UNIVERSITIES

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The universities of Czechoslovakia, faithful to their traditions reaching back to Jan Hus in XV century, were always the bastions of truth and freedom. Czechoslovak students, in close cooperation with the writers and workers, were in the forefront of the struggle against the regime of Antonín Novotný and helped enormously in bringing about the "Czechoslovak spring" under Alexander Dubček. It is, therefore, not

surprising that a storm of wrath is now raging against universities and intelligentsia of Czechoslovakia.

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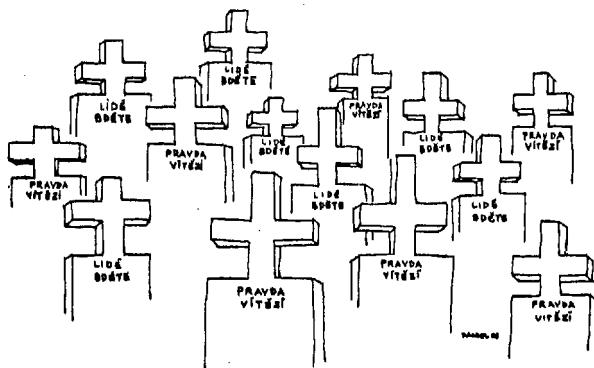
From: Listy [Gazette], No. 14, Praha,
April 10, 1969

[RCDA comment: Listy, a weekly organ of the Union of Czechoslovak Writers, one of the best publications which helped bring about the "Czechoslovak spring", was among the first victims of Soviet occupation.]

According to reliable reports from Prague, one of the most aggressive activists in the suppression of truth and freedom is the new Minister of Education, Prof. Jaromír Hrbek, M.D. He is responsible for implementing the guidelines of new policies regarding universities and culture which are in conflict not only with the best Czechoslovak traditions of freedom and truth (Hus, Comenius, Masaryk) but also with the "Czechoslovak spring" and with the bequest of Jan Palach, a student of the Charles University in Prague, who burnt himself to death in January 1969 for the cause of freedom.

Two documents which we publish here present the evidence. The first one is a "Letter of the Ministry of Education to all University Chancellors and to all Deans of Faculties" requesting them to report all activities and persons who during the recent past and, in particular, since the Soviet-led invasion, supported Dubček's program of liberalization and expressed their opposition against the USSR.

The second document, a "Letter from the Minister of Education to all his



[Inscriptions:] TRUTH PREVAILS
PEOPLE, BE ON GUARD

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